GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is facing several hurdles with no dedicated funding available, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allocate separate funding for the scheme;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): No Madam;

(b) to (d): No Madam, SAGY is primarily about unleashing the power of people who are expected to inculcate pride in village, encourage societal change/Behavioural change, take collective responsibility and initiate People projects. The development of Gram Panchayats identified under SAGY is intended to take place through the convergence and implementation of existing Government Schemes and Programmes without allocating additional funds. In pursuance of this, the relevant Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government have been requested by the Ministry of Rural Development to make suitable changes, wherever appropriate, in the guidelines of their respective Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes/ Programmes to enable priority to be given to the Gram Panchayats selected under SAGY. So far different Ministries/ Departments have made changes in 21 of their Programme/Scheme guidelines. A number of state schemes are required to be converged with this scheme for maximizing benefit. This would require the guidelines of State Schemes/ Programmes to be suitably amended to give automatic and mandatory priority to the GPs selected under SAGY. The states/UTs have been requested to do the needful in this regard.

However, as a onetime assistance, in the Financial year 2014-15, the States had been given funds at the rate of Rs.50,000/- for each SAGY Gram Panchayat to be used by the Collectors/DMs for meeting administrative expenses. In the Financial Year 2015-16, the States/UTs have been been given varied amounts as a one-time financial assistance for hiring resource persons and meeting administrative expenses at the State/UT level under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana(SAGY).

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